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Application No.: **09/175,683**

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CELL SYSTEMS**

Attorney Docket Number: **GTC-40**

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 10, 2005, enclosed is a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b.

Applicant's hereby confirm claim small entity status and hereby verify such status.

Other than the required fee of \$700 in connection with the issue fee and the required fee for patent copies in the amount of \$30.00, no additional fees are deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may now or hereafter be due for this application to GTC Biotherapeutics' Deposit Account No. 502092.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: 1/24/05

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

In response to the Interview Summary mailed January 10, 2005, Applicant's submit the following statement summarizing the substance of the telephone interview held December 21, 2004 and December 22, 2004.

Participating were: Byron V. Olsen and Examiner Richard A. Schnizer.

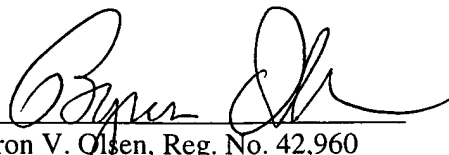
Summary of Substance: The amendments to the Claims offered in Applicant's Response of September 24, 2004 were not acceptable to the Examiner. Claim amendments were discussed that would place the claims in condition for allowance. The Examiner issued an Examiner's Amendment on January 10, 2005 thereby canceling claims 77-84 and allowing new claims 85-93.

No fees are believed to be due at this time, however, please apply any charges or credits to GTC Biotherapeutics' Deposit Account No. 502092.

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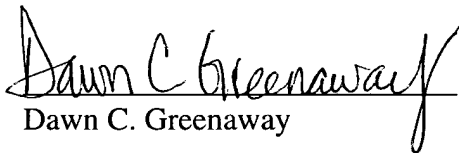
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I hereby certify that the attached Response to Notice of Allowance, completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b and Statement of Substance of Interview, and any attachments referred to therein, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date **January 21, 2005** in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee", mailing Label Number **EV491294223 US** addressed to Mail Stop Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


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